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MALAYSIA, BURMA AND SINGAPORE AFFAIRS

INDONESIA

AMBASSADOR MASTERS' CONSULTATIONS (LOU)

AMBASSADOR MASTERS IS STAYING ON IN WASHINGTON TO PARTICI-
PATE IN THE ASEAN-US DIALOGUE. HE PLANS NOW TO PROCEED ON
HOME LEAVE FOLLOWING THE MEETING WITH MINISTER WIDJOJO ON
PL-480 TITLE III NOW BEING SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY.

TITLE III;LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL? (CONF)

THE NEVER-ENDING SAGA OF TITLE III HAS CONTINUED THIS WEEK
WITH TWO WHITE HOUSE MEETINGS INCLUDING AMBASSADOR MASTERS,
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EA PRINCIPALS, AID, OMB AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.
AGREEMENT WAS ULTIMATELY REACHED YESTERDAY ON A PROPOSAL
THAT WOULD LINK A SMALL FY 1979 TITLE III PROGRAM TO ONE OR
MORE GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES FORESEEN IN REPELITA III
SUCH AS CROP DIVERSIFICATION OR IMPROVED WATER MANAGEMENT.
LINKAGE OF THE PROCEEDS UTILIZATION TO SPECIFIC PROJECTS IN
THE CHOSEN FIELD WOULD NOT BE REQUIRED. A PAPER OUTLINING

THE MAIN ELEMENTS OF TITLE III AND THE PROPOSED APPROACH ON INDONESIA WILL BE HANDED OVER BY THE AMBASSADOR AND DISCUSSED WITH DR. WIDJOJO ON AUGUST 5. IF FOUND ACCEPTABLE, THE WORKING GROUP WOULD BE ORGANIZED IN JAKARTA TO WORK OUT THE DETAILS. IT IS NOT SUGGESTED THAT THIS BE DISCUSSED WITH THE GOI UNTIL AFTER THE DISCUSSION HERE WITH DR. WIDJOJO.

MAP - MARK 44 TORPEDOES (LOU)

DURING AMB. MASTERS' CALL IN DSAA JULY 28, HE WAS INFORMED THAT THE INDONESIAN NAVY'S REQUEST FOR REPLACEMENT MARK 44 TORPEDOES UNDER MAP IS HAVING TO BE AMALGAMATED WITH REQUESTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES FOR THIS ITEM, SINCE THE TORPEDOES ARE NO LONGER BEING MANUFACTURED AND THERE MAY NOT BE ENOUGH TO MEET ALL REQUESTS. DSAA IS SORTING THE MATTER OUT AND WILL INFORM DLG AND OTHER MAAG'S HOW MANY CAN BE PROVIDED TO EACH REQUESTING COUNTRY.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR (LOU)

INR FUNDING FOR THE RURAL SEMINAR ON INDONESIA HAS BEEN REQUESTED IN A MEMORANDUM SENT JOINTLY BY ASST SECY HOLBROOKE AND AID ASST ADMINISTRATOR SULLIVAN. THE SEMINAR IS PLANNED FOR THE CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT CONFERENCE FACILITY IN WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 27-29, WITH LEADING CONFIDENTIAL

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SCHOLARS, EXPERTS AND POLICYMAKERS TO BE INVITED. BOB PRINGLE, FSO ON LEAVE AT CARNEGIE, WILL WORK WITH EA AND AID/ASIA IN ORGANIZING THE MEETING.

MALAYSIA

NEW MALAYSIAN CABINET NAMED (CONF)

PRIME MINISTER HUSSEIN ONN NAMED HIS NEW CABINET JULY 27. AMONG THE MINISTERS THERE WERE ONLY MINOR CHANGES AND IN FACT THE PM MADE MORE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES LAST JANUARY.

DEPUTY PM MAHATHIR TO VISIT U.S. (CONF)

DEPUTY PM MAHATHIR WILL PROBABLY BE IN NYC FROM SEPT 30 TO OCTOBER 4. OUR EMBASSY IN KL RECOMMENDS THAT WE TRY TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS FOR HIM WITH THE SECRETARY AND PERHAPS THE VICE PRESIDENT AS WELL AS THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

CONOCO SELLS FORMER CONCESSION RIGHTS BACK TO PETRONAS (LOU)

FOLLOWING THEIR FAILURE TO REACH A PRODUCTION SHARING

AGREEMENT CONOCO AND ITS PARTNERS HAVE REACHED AN AGREE-
MENT TO SELL THEIR FORMER CONCESSION AREA RIGHTS TO
PETRONAS. CONOCO AND PARTNERS ARE SATISFIED WITH THE
TERMS OF THE SALE. THE EMBASSY NOTES THAT THE SETTLEMENT
OF THIS ISSUE SHOULD HAVE AN OVERALL POSITIVE EFFECT ON
THE INVESTMENT CLIMATE.

GOM ANNOUNCES CANCELLATION OF RUSSIAN DAM (CONF)

THE GOM HAS MADE PUBLIC ITS TWO YEAR OLD DECISION TO
CANCEL THE TEMBELING DAM PROJECT WHICH WAS DESIGNED BY THE
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PHAN HIEN VISIT TO MALAYSIA (CONF)

DISCUSSIONS DURING SRV DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER PHAN HIEN'S
JULY 23-24 VISIT TO MALAYSIA FOCUSED LARGELY ON A "ZONE
OF PEACE" FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA. HIEN'S PROPOSAL FOR A
SPECIAL GOM MISSION TO HANOI FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON SUCH A
ZONE WAS SIDESTEPED BY THE MALAYSIANS, WHO PROPOSED LOWER
LEVEL TALKS VIA DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. THE MALAYSIANS MADE
CLEAR THEIR INTENTIONS TO KEEP FULLY IN STEP WITH THEIR
ASEAN COLLEAGUES, AND WHILE WELCOMING THE DIALOGUE REMAIN
SUSPICIOUS OF SRV INTENTIONS.

THAILAND/BURMA

PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS (UNCL)

THE NEW THAI AND BURMESE AMBASSADORS TO WASHINGTON PRE-
SENTED THEIR CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT CARTER TODAY AT
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